

# Lone Star Diplomat

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## Derrick Shuts Down

1980 KG LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (Mike Conner).

A: Ned Nichols (win F 10). E: Jack Smith.  
F: Bobby Stephens (dro S 08), Larry McCloud.  
G: Al Giddings. I: Mark Luedi. R: David Pierce.  
(out F 09). T: Mike Henry (out S 05).

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G	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	4	4	2
I	4	4	5	6	8	8	5	5	4	4
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T	4	4	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	-

\*played one short.

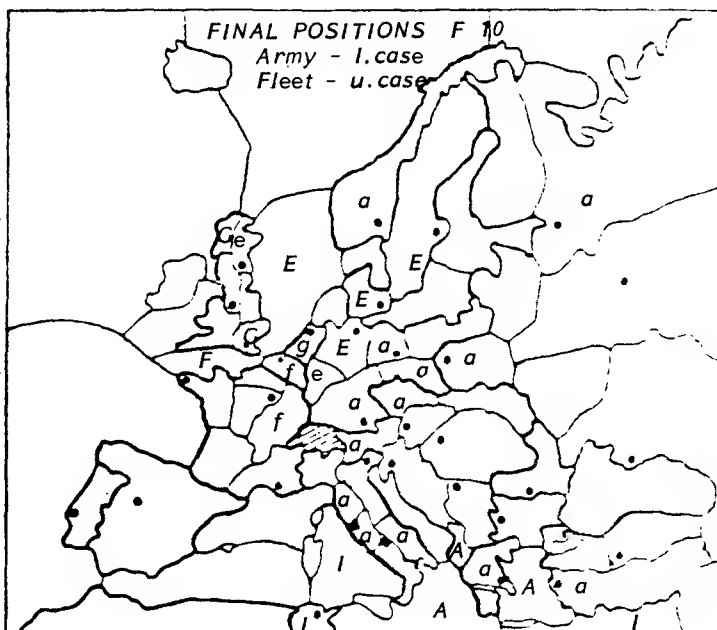
### ENDGAME STATEMENTS

Germany: Al Giddings

What a game! I loved and hated this game, and in the same vein I'm both glad and sad it's over. In the 3+ years of my postal play I have NMR'd twice, both in Derrick. This makes me sad, as in neither case did I forget to send in orders. The first, at a crucial time when England grew instead of me, was due to a foulup in my conditional orders. The second was even more of a surprise to me as the game ended in the process. But I never received LSD#26, and hearing in the delay that LSD might fold, I figured it either had folded or would be late, as Mike was ill. One should never assume, but such was this particular game.

From Germany's standpoint I tried to negotiate a central alliance from day one. That seems to be all I accomplished. It worked out, but my bounce of Russia in Sweden put me at war with him. The highlight of the game to me was a tossup between the enjoyment I had in screwing with France and England and the funny press from El Zappo. I was having such fun with bouncing from England's side to France's that I forgot about the real idea behind the game: winning. My perfidy in the West kept that portion of the board in a mess which would never clear up. But thanks to that and to my NMRs I finished low man on the survivor list. On the other hand, since Russia, England, and France all hated my guts, once Turkey was out, the winner would probably end up being Ned or Mark--at least a central power.

A funny thing happened around 1905. Italy & I were thinking (wishfully) that we were in the driver's seat and had grand plans to cut up Ned and Jack. My stab of England failed terribly, and I never recovered. At that time I remember France had F Wal and F Lpl. England was in Nth, Eng, and Nat, with a fleet in Cly. I saw England moving Cly-Lpl with support from Nat and also Nth-Lon with support from Eng. I moved F Hol-Nth and F Den-Ska in hopes of taking Edi and Nwy in Fall. Instead, England moved Nth-Nwy and used Cly to support Nat-Lpl. Rats!



I really enjoyed the free-for-all in this game. Allies came and went with the wind--along with a few fake or forged letters. What dirt bags this game attracted! To all who played: thanks for a good time. Keep El Zappo around, Luedi, but teach him how to spell. He uses too many Zs. Mr. Pierce, what can I say? Our relationship started out crappy, then got worse. So why didn't I take your last unit long before it went? I guess I wanted to keep the press war going. Mr. Henry, whay is your handwriting almost as bad as mine? How old are you anyway? Does Jack Smith fully understand the rules of play? It was nice to see someone bungle as much or more than I did. Has anyone seen Bobby Stephens? Guess I should have acted more like a gentleman when we met in Dallas. Congrats, Ned, from your faithful puppet. Next time I hope it will be much different.

Italy: Mark Luedi

For those who had not yet figured it out, this was my first postal game. I made some rather crucial errors, and am probably lucky to have survived in this game. Most importantly, I learned that you cannot fight a two-front war in Diplomacy.

Al Giddings essentially controlled this game, at least from my vantage point. He got the AIG alliance going in 1901 and managed to get England and France to spar with one another in a classic cat and mouse game. At one point we entered into a two-way alliance which might have worked. But somehow England and France patched their differences, and Russian help against Austria failed to materialize. This happened all at once, and there went the two-way, down the drain.

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# ★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News



*WHO IS THIS PERSON and why is his picture cluttering the pages of LSD? If you would like to venture a guess, and try to describe him, you may win a small prize (but probably will only get the satisfaction of guessing). Try it--you may get nothing out of it!*

**GM WANTED.** David Kaufman, 5 Oakland Ave., Sommerville, MA 02145, is looking for someone to GM a Diplomacy game in which the players will be his brothers. It must be nice to grow up in a family of gamers. They are now spread out all over the country, and postal Dippy is one way to keep them in touch. Drop David a letter if you are interested.

**NEW BNC.** Kathy Byrne has replaced Don Ditter as Boardman Number Custodian. Thanks to Don for a job well done, and good luck to Kathy during her tenure. Bill Quinn, who publishes the BNC zine **EVERYTHING**, has announced that the archives can now provide interested players with a printout on the Diplomacy history of any player, GM, or zine. For \$1 you may request three such profiles covering issues #49 to the present. Write Bill at 1225 Ridgecrest, Orlando, FL 32806.

**PLUG.** Russ Rusnak, 8002 S. Nagle, Burbank, IL 60459, is starting up a dipzine, titled either **SLUMP** **THE MIDGET** or **WHO CARES?** (or maybe something else). He is looking for players who are serious about the game, i.e., those who will write to each other regularly, refrain from NMRing, etc. Drop him a SASE for a sample of his zine.

**PUDGECON II.** Circle the dates August 12-14 on your dippy calendar. That's when Bob Olsen will be hosting a reprise of his successful ftf gala at his home: 6818 Winterberry Cir., Wichita, KS 67226. Last year's attendees reported a deliriously fun time.

**POWER POLL.** Send Larry Peery (PO Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102) a list of those you deem the 30 most powerful people in the hobby today. Or better yet, send him a SASE for his ballot form, because it is actually more detailed and calls for multiple choices to explain why you voted for who you voted for. The deadline is 1 Sept 83.

**VARIANT STATS.** Miller Number Custodian Lee Kendter, Sr., publishes statistics for variant games in **ALPHA & OMEGA** (formerly **LORD OF HOSTS**). It only costs 3¢/page, and can be obtained from Lee at 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135.

**LISTS.** I have carefully maintained a list of people wanting on or off the standby list and/or the waiting list for the M-game. Unfortunately, I have lost it, so I need your help. As of now both lists are vacant. If you want on either one, please drop me a line. As I recall, there were five people interested in the M-game, and those on the previously published list (in LSD#26) will have priority.

**PLUGG.** I saw an issue of **POLITESSE** a couple of months ago. Published by Ed Wrobel, 3932 North Forestdale Ave., Dale City, VA 22193, it is a newsletter of Washington D.C. face-to-face Dippy activities, and can be obtained by sending a postcard with your name and address and the word "PoliNet" written on it. You can also send a check for any amount to support the effort to put players and GMs in touch.

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Already entangled with the French forces, I stabbed Austria. However, I had miscalculated Ned's position, and he somehow persuaded me to move west. After that, it was only a matter of time before Ned had the game wrapped up. I don't know what got Al and Jack Smith going at each other, but the Austrians might have been stopped if not for their continual conflicts.

Through 1905 this was a most enjoyable game. After that, it was merely writing on the wall. Congrats, Ned, on the victory, and thanks, Mike, for a well run game.



**DEADLINE for all LSD games:**

**17 August 1983**

1981 CE Independence S 1908



RUSSIAN FRONT ADVANCES TO BERLIN;  
ITALIAN PORT THREAT BY TURKS

& Thanks to Tony Auxier, whose standby orders for Germany were not needed.

FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A Gas-BRE (A PAR s).  
GERMANY (Don Scheifler): A Den-SWE, A EDI h,  
F Wal-LON, F Eng-BEL, A Bur-RUH, A Mun-KIE,  
A Boh-MUN.  
ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A Tri h [dsl, ret to Vie or  
dsb], F VEN-Adr, F Por-MID, A Spa-GAS (A MAR s),  
F Nap-APU, F Tun-ION (F TRH s).  
AUSTRIA (CD): A TYO h.  
RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): A Sil-BER (A PRU s),  
A Gal-BOH, A Sev-UKR, A BUD s Turkish  
A Ser-Tri, F Nth-HOL, F Ska-NTH.  
TURKEY (Mike Blanchard): A Gre-BUL, F Ion-Adr  
[dsl, ret to Gre, Nap, or dsb], F Smy-AEG,  
F EAS h, F CON h, A Ser-TRI (F ALB s).

& One of the players correctly pointed out that England did not lose Lpl to Germany in 1907. Unfortunately, the error was not noted until after Winter 1907 adjustments were published. Although I am grieved at this error, probably the most serious I have made in GMing, the deadline for its correction has passed. Therefore it must stand, and Independence goes on. My apologies to everyone.

? PRESS--

LSD-INDEPENDENCERS: Tsk, tsk! No press!



1983 H Longhorn F 1901

BRITISH BOAST BELGIAN BEACHHEAD;  
FRENCH FACE FOREIGNERS ON BORDERS

ENGLAND (Seth Owen): F Nwg-NWY, A Edi-BEL  
(F NTH c).  
FRANCE (Rick Ragsdale): F Mid-SPA(sc), A Gas-BUR,  
A Spa-POR.  
GERMANY (John Mayes?): NMR! F DEN & A RUH &  
A KIE all hold.  
ITALY (Ned Nichols): F Trh-TUN, A Tus-PIE,  
A VEN h.  
AUSTRIA (Gregg Fritz): F Alb-GRE (A SER s),  
A BUD s Russian F Rum.  
RUSSIA (John Koehler): F Bot-SWE, A UKR h,  
F RUM h (A SEV s).  
TURKEY (Mike Cannon): F Bla-ARM, A BUL h  
(A CON s).

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjustments:

E: Home, BEL, NWY	5/build 2
F: Home, SPA, POR	5/build 2
G: Home, DEN	4/build 1
I: Home, TUN	4/build 1
A: Home, SER, GRE	5/build 2
R: Home, RUM, SWE	6/build 2
T: Home, BUL	4/build 1

? John Koehler has to resign from Longhorn because he's leaving the country. Will Joe Gallagher assume the Russian position? His address: 4766 Maverick Way, Boise, ID 83709.

1982 AM JALAPEÑO S 1904



AUSTRIANS STORM INTO MUNICH AND  
BERLIN; ENGLISH SNEAK INTO MED

& Autumn 1903: Germany NRR; GM removes dislodged A Nwy. Italy retreats dsl F Ion-Tun.

& Winter 1903: England builds A Edi; Germany plays T short; Italy builds F Nap; Turkey builds A Con.

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A NWY-Stp, A EDI-Nwy  
(F NTH c), F Nwg-BAR, A HOL s German A Kie,  
A BUR s German A Ruh-Mun [nso], A BEL-Ruh,  
[imp], F Mid-WES.

GERMANY (Terry Suitor?): NMR! F DEN & A KIE &  
A RUH h, A Mun h [dsl, ann].

ITALY (Greg Fritz): A Por-SPA, A Pie-TYO  
(A VEN s), F Nap-APU, F TRH-Nap, F LYO-Trh,  
(F TUN s).

AUSTRIA (Bryan Jurkowski): A Pru-BER, A Tyo-MUN  
(A SIL & A BOH s), A TRI-Ven, F GRE-Adr [imp].

RUSSIA (CD): F BAL h.

TURKEY (Jim Lawniczak): A CON-Nap (F ION &  
F AEG c), F EAS s F Ion, A MOS-Stp, A Ukr-WAR,  
F BLA h.

& A 4-way AEIT draw has been proposed, vote with your fall orders. NVR = yes.

? COA: Gregg Fritz, 2920 Briarwood Rd. #C-1,  
Bonita, CA 92002.

? Will James Briggs, PO Box 6243, El Paso, TX  
79906, please submit standby orders for Germany?

& PRESS--

BRYAN-GREG: Remember to write me!

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: What's that song? Oh yes:  
"Stayin' Alive". Good move in doing so. But watch  
your backside!

AUSTRIA-ALL: Let's end this?



? COA: John Mayes, 1109 Apollo Dr., Austin, TX  
78758. John reached me after the deadline and  
assured me he will be continuing. Therefore no  
standby will be called for Germany.

? COA: Gregg Fritz (see Jalapeño).

? COA: Seth Owen (see King Ranch).

? PRESS--

LONDON: It is in the interest of the government and  
people of England that Belgium remain neutral. The  
Crown views with alarm the prospect of any power be-  
ing able to double their armed forces in a single  
winter.

PARIS-ALL: Snowed under at work. Correspondence  
to resume soon.

MOSCOW-WORLD: The Tsar regrets to inform you  
that he is fleeing the country and wishes you all well.  
The same good wishes are extended to the GM and to  
the new Russian player.

LSD-TSAR: Good luck. Wish I were there. Send me  
a postcard.

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1982 HU **King Ranch** F 1902

MAD MONK ATTACKS ALL NEIGHBORS;  
POPE GUIDO EXTENDS BALKAN CRUSADE

& Thanks to Paul Milewski for pointing out and informing the other players about the fallowing errors in last season's adjudications: 1) Turkish order F CON-Aeg should have been underlined; 2) Turkish order F ANK-Con should also have failed; 3) dislodged English A Nwy can only retreat to Nwy; 4) dislodged Turkish A Ser cannot retreat to Gre.

& Autumn 1902: England retreats dsl A Nwy-Fin; Austria NRR, GM disbands dsl A Gal; Turkey retreats dsl A Ser-Bul.

& Thanks to Peter Ansaff, whose standby orders for England were not needed.

ENGLAND (Don Scheffler): A Fin-SWE (F DEN s), F Nwg-BAR, F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH.

FRANCE (Rob Landeros): F Mid-ENG (F BRE s), A Gas-BUR (A PAR & A MAR s).

GERMANY (Paul Milewski): F Eng-Bre [dsl, ret to Iri, Wal, Lan, Bel, ar dsb], A Bur-PIC, A MUN-Bur (A RUH s).

ITALY (Bill Quinn): F Trh-TUN, F Ion-AEG, A Alb-GRE, A SER u, h, A TRI u, h.

AUSTRIA (Whitt Pond?): NMR! A BUD h.

RUSSIA (Fred Winter): F NWY-Swe, A Stp-FIN, A War-SIL, A Gal-VIE, A Ukr-RUM, F FLA-Ank.

TURKEY (Seth Owen): A BUL h; F Con-SMY, A SMY-Ank, A Ank-CON.

& COA: Rob Landeros, 493 Siskiyn Blvd. #3, Ashland, OR, 97520.

& COA: Seth Owen, LOC 4-83, OSB USAFAS, Ft. Sill, OK 73503 (until 21 July); thereafter, back to 105 Pierce St., New Bedford, MA 02760.

? No standby will be called for Austria.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter adjudications:

E: Home, Nwy, Den, SWE	5/even*
F: Home, Spa, Por	5/even*
G: Home, Bel	4/even*
I: Home, Tri, SER, Gre, TUN	7/build 2
A: Bud, Vie	1/even (1 ann)
R: Home, Swe, NWY, Rum, VIE	7/build 1
T: Home, Ser, BUL	4/even

\* If Germany retreats dsl F Eng-Lon, then he may build 1 and England must remove 1. England should send in a removal conditional on Germany's retreat.

& PRESS--

GERMANY-FRANCE: Thought I'd use my A Ruh to take Hol? Surprise!

FRANCE-WORLD: Place X in upper left grid; thimble advances to Chance; King red checker; trade three barleys for two rye and a corn; no fours, go fish!

GERMANY-AUSTRIA: Retreat A Gal-Rum? What a bluff!

GERMANY-ITALY: Help Austria out some more: take Vie!

ROME: Pope Guido enjoyed a fine veal dinner at one of Rome's best restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere. All around him Rome was abuzz with the successes of his new Order of the Holy Olive Drab. In Central Europe, Vlad was vanquished and Franz had dedicated his life and lands to the spread of the Holy Word. Tunis was converted in a day! The infidels and the Mad Monk Rasputin were on the run. Christian love and charity were spreading throughout the Mediterranean. Even France and Germany vowed to make their dispute a civil one.

GERMANY-TURKEY: Thanks for freeing up Italian F Trh. I need the help.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: F Bla c Turkish A Ank-Sev.

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